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NEWS RELEASE

Ocean Choice International (Ocean Choice) seeks reasonable labour agreement

St. John's, NL – Ocean Choice International's CEO, Martin Sullivan says, "I am not surprised by the FFAW's announcement that they are seeking a strike vote. We remain open to exploring creative solutions. It's no secret that the fishing industry is facing challenges – market conditions, the Canadian dollar and the world wide recession are all factors adversely affecting the overall industry."

He reiterated that the current external factors when combined with the significant difference between our proposals makes it challenging to find a solution acceptable to both sides.

"Ocean Choice offered an increase in each year of a two-year agreement. Although flexibility was sought on certain issues, the Ocean Choice contract remains the highest total compensation collective agreement within our seafood sector," said Sullivan.

Ocean Choice offered an overall wage increase to a wage of \$13.25 per hour in year one and \$13.45 in year two.

This is the first contract for Ocean Choice International to negotiate with the FFAW for the plants located at Bonavista, Dildo, Marystown, Port Union, Port au Choix, and Triton.